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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing to let you know that I am very much concerned about the overuse of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock. On a personal level, I would like to tell you what our experience has been in regard to this.

I have a three year old grandson who was having recurrent ear infections. Over a period of a month, he was prescribed two separate courses of two different antibiotics (both double strength). He took them as directed but with no positive results. As a result, he had to undergo tube insertions.

Therefore, I agree that the overuse of antibiotics in livestock as growth promoters definitely does pose a serious public health risk as stated by the Union of Concerned Scientists and other groups. I think that our experience certainly does bear this out.

I urge you to please follow the European Union's lead and ban animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation concerning this very serious matter.

Yours very truly,

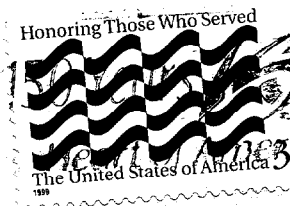
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